

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Meeting held in person and via Zoom

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. He introduced BOH members and staff present and stated the meeting was being recorded to Zoom. Motion made and seconded to adopt the minutes of the May 26, 2022 meeting with one correction. Vote taken: 2-0 in favor.

- 2) **COVID-19**
Current 14-day statewide infection rate: 6.56% (down from 8.11% from previous meeting) Current Berkshire County 14-day infection rate: 6.32% (down from 10.62% previous meeting)
Egremont received 180 testing kits from state. BOH will send a community message email stating the kits will be available at the BOH office, one kit per household while supplies last. Depending on demand, BOH may reach out to COA and distribute kits at their next luncheon.
The mask sign has been removed from the door at Town Hall. It will be placed on the door again if the CDC risk level increases to yellow/medium risk.

- 3) **Prospect Lake testing** The new owner of the campground is having monthly swimming quality testing performed. The Friends of Prospect Lake is funding monthly cyanobacteria testing.

- 4) **The Egremont Village Inn/The Barn** In order to maintain hand safety hygiene, Director Haas was instructed to inform the owners of The Barn that they need to install a simple hand washing station (Igloo water cooler, paper towels and pump soap) to be used by diners (especially children) who are petting the animals.

- 5) **73 Jug End Road** Director Haas informed the Board that a deed restriction was recently placed on the property stating the soon-to-be-erected accessory building cannot be used as an additional bedroom for overnight guests unless the septic system is enlarged to allow the flows from an additional bedroom.

- 6) **New Alliance Representative** Chairman Ogden stated he wished to step down from his responsibilities as Egremont representative for the Berkshire County Public Health Alliance. Director Haas offered to take his place. The alternate seat is now open.

- 7) **Chokesaver class** The Alliance has offered to hold a Chokesaver certification class at no cost in Egremont. Director Haas will reach out to Egremont's food establishments, Greenagers and Flying Cloud. The class must have a minimum of 10 participants.

- 8) **Recent Field Work**

Title 5/Brookvale Road/Juliette/pass

System installation/10 Greenwood Circle/Juliette

Title 5/9 Westerhook/Alliance/conditional pass (needs new d-box)

- 9) **Gallagher/64 Sheffield Road** The Board reviewed the septic plans presented by Kelly, Granger & Parsons for an upgraded system. The 3-bedroom design requires a pump chamber and employs Elgen technology in the bed. Motion made and seconded to grant a 2-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance. Vote taken 2-0 pass.
- 10) **Becker/58 Baldwin Hill South** The Board reviewed the septic plans presented by SK Design Group for an updated system. The 7-bedroom design is a gravity system using Presby technology in the bed. No LUAs or variances were requested. The plans were approved by the Board.
- 11) **Lanoue/10 Westerhook Road** The Board reviewed the septic plans presented by Kelly, Granger and Parsons for an updated system. The 4-bedroom design is a gravity system with Elgen technology in the bed. Motion made and seconded to grant a 2-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater under maximum feasible compliance. Vote taken 2-0 pass.
- 12) **Terra Ferma Nominee Realty Trust** The Board reviewed the septic plans presented by Accord Engineering for new construction. The 5-bedroom design is a gravity system with a pipe and stone bed. The plans were approved by the Board.
- 13) **McTeigue/Wheeler/78 Town House Hill Road** The Board reviewed the septic plans presented by Accord Engineering for new construction. The 3-bedroom design requires a pump chamber and employs Arc chambers in the bed. The plans were approved by the Board.
- 14) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Revised plans have been submitted by Accord Engineering. Director Haas has performed an initial review. The plans will now go to Alliance consultants for further review.
- 15) **Marcus/105 Baldwin Hill South** Director Haas informed the Board that a geothermal well permit has been issued for a new geothermal well for a heating/cooling system.
- 16) **Newsletter submission** The Board approved the article Director Haas recently wrote for the upcoming newsletter which speaks to the PurpleAir air monitoring sensors. Director Haas installed the first one at Town Hall. The remaining four will be installed at April Hill, Egremont Library, Egremont Water Department and French Park.

Juliette Haas
Approved 7/7/2022